

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 09/919,045  
Filing Date: July 31, 2001  
Applicants: Ramesh NAGARAJAN et al.  
Group Art Unit: 2464  
Confirmation No: 4258  
Examiner: Brenda H. Pham  
Title: MINIMUM CONTENTION DISTRIBUTED WAVELENGTH  
ASSIGNMENT IN OPTICAL TRANSPORT NETWORKS  
Attorney Docket: 129250-002077/US

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**COMMENTS ON THE EXAMINER'S  
STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, provided with the Notice of Allowance dated December 15, 2009 the Applicants submit the following comments.

On page 5 of the Notice Of Allowability under the heading "Reasons For Allowance", the Examiner presents statements regarding the rationales used to allow the claims.

Applicants agree that the indicated claims are allowable. However, Applicants wish to note the following. Notwithstanding the Examiner's comments, Applicants rely on the rationales set forth in their earlier responses and the specification as support for the allowance of the claims.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3777 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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